

PATENT

DOCKET NO.: 12553/127

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Ming Gao YAO et al.

DIVISIONAL OF
SERIAL NO. : 10/282,999

PARENT APPLICATION
FILED : October 28, 2002

FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING
OPERATIONAL AND MANUFACTURING
IMPERFECTIONS IN PIEZOELECTRIC
MICRO-ACTUATORS

GROUP ART UNIT : 2834

EXAMINER : Thomas M. DOUGHERTY

M/S: PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Certificate of Mailing	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV351181248US, in an envelope addressed to: M/S: PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on	
Dated: <u>January 23, 2004</u>	Signature: <u>Barbara Vance</u>
	Barbara Vance

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2004, please cancel claims 1-9 and 22-28 in this Divisional application leaving claims 10-21, prior to calculating fees.

Applicant elected to prosecute claims 1-9 and 22-28 (Group I) in the parent application and filed this Divisional application to prosecute the remaining claims, 10-21 (Group II). This application claims benefit of the October 28, 2002 filing date of the parent application.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.